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1. Agency Component/location SANTA MONICAPurpose or principal activity (military planning, foreign aid, briefing, research, etc.) RESEARCHYour position (job title) REFERENCE LIBRARIANYour fields of responsibility (geographic area and/or specialty) 2. Is the NIS Production Status Report available for your use? Yes NoDo you regularly use it? Yes No

3. Receipt of NIS units is:

 Regular and systematic Irregular, with some gaps Sporadic and uncertain

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4. Below is a list of available NIS publications.

a) Indicate in column I the frequency of use by means of the following symbols:

A=Regularly B=Occasionally C=Rarely D=Never

b) Indicate in column II your use, according to the following symbols (multiple uses may be indicated):

1=Planning and operations	4=General background and orientation
2=Research, analysis, and production	5=Other (specify) _____
3=Briefings	_____

Col. I	Col. II		Col. I	Col. II
<u>A</u> 24	General Survey (check sections used most frequently) — Chronology ✓ Introduction ✓ Geography ✓ Transp. and Telecom. ✓ Sociological ✓ Political — Economic — Scientific ✓ Armed Forces — Area Brief ✓ Summary Map		<u>C</u> 24	Telecommunications
<u>A</u> 42	Basic Intelligence Factbook		<u>B</u> 42	Population
<u>C</u> 2	Coasts and Landing Beaches		<u>B</u> 42	Characteristics of the People
<u>B</u> 24	Weather and Climate		<u>C</u> 24	Religion, Education, and Public Information
<u>B</u> 24	Meteorological Organiza- tion and Facilities		<u>C</u> 24	Manpower
<u>A</u> 24	Topography		<u>C</u> 24	Health and Sanitation
<u>B</u> 24	Urban Areas		<u>C</u> 24	Intelligence and Security
<u>C</u> 24	Railroads		<u>C</u> 24	Subversion and Insurgency
<u>C</u> 24	Highways		<u>C</u> 24	Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry
<u>C</u> 24	Inland Waterways		<u>C</u> 24	Fuels
<u>C</u> 24	Ports and Naval Facilities		<u>C</u> 24	Electric Power
<u>C</u> 24	Merchant Marine		<u>C</u> 24	Minerals and Metals
<u>C</u> 24	Civil Air		<u>C</u> 24	Manufacturing and Con- struction
			<u>C</u> 24	Trade and Finance
			<u>B</u> 24	Armed Forces
			<u>C</u> 24	Marine Climate
			<u>C</u> 24	Oceanography

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5. In general, do you consider yourself:

a. Regular user of NIS publications
 b. Infrequent user

6. If you checked 5,a, above, which of the following best describes NIS usefulness:
(If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)

Principal source of information
 Secondary source
 Supplies information in a conveniently assembled form not otherwise available
 Supplies corroborative information
 Other (specify) _____

7. If you checked 5,b, above, which of the following best describes your reasons for only infrequent use:

(If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)

Not readily available
 Not sufficiently current
 Too summarized and generalized
 Too detailed
 Only marginally related to my needs
 Needs filled by other publications (specify) _____

NIS of value only in conjunction with other publications (specify) _____

Other (specify) frequently users desire unclassified+unproprietary sources

8. Has the NIS been consulted for crisis situations, crash projects, or emergency planning?

Yes No Why? only place data conveniently assembled

If you checked "Yes" above, how useful was it under these circumstances?

Excellent Good Adequate Marginal

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9. With reference to the NIS publications listed in 4, above, what are the major shortcomings you have found in the NIS? (Please relate these to your own needs, considering adequacy of coverage, reliability of content, currency, length and detail of presentation, and security classification.)

The greatest shortcoming is failure to keep the information current. Adequacy, reliability, length and detail of presentation are fine as far as the dates covered are concerned. For our purposes, a somewhat more historical approach would also be useful since we often use it to analyze past crises. Security classification is often senseless especially considering the age of the data although I must say it is more reasonable than usual CIA security restrictions.
 (answer may be continued on the reverse)

10. What specific suggestions can you make for improving the content (including

graphics), coverage, organization, and format of NIS units? *A detailed index to each chapter or each section if necessary would make the NIS truly encyclopedic in format and be most useful. If you are unable to update the main NIS conveniently, perhaps an expanded Basic Intelligence Factbook would serve the purpose. In both works, frequent cross-references to other intelligence publications - especially those updated more regularly - would be valuable.* →
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More frequent updating of sections on population and
transportation data. Include a political map
showing internal administrative boundaries in the
General Survey for each country. Revise General
surveys annually.